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TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: FAA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) MUSCAT 11, (B) 76 STATE 304436

1. FAA FULLY COGNIZANT OF IMPORTANCE OF PROGRAM IN OMAN
AND DESIRES TO ACT IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONSCIENTIOUS
MANNER TO SUPPORT EMBASSY EFFORTS TO MAKE PROGRAM EFFECT-
IVE.

2. IN REGARD TO RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 3
AND 4 REFTEL: (A) ACTION ON SELECTION OF MOST QUALIFIED
CANDIDATE AMONG THOSE WHO BID ON CIVIL ENGINEER POSITION
VACATED BY CAKARNIS IS WELL UNDERWAY AND SHOULD BE
COMPLETED BY 18 JANUARY. BIO-DATA ON SELECTED INDIVIDUAL
AND ALTERNATE WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY BY 24
JANUARY. ON ASSUMPTION THAT DGCA WILL ACCEPT NOMINATION,
FAA WILL INITIATE PERSONNEL ACTION TO HAVE CANDIDATE
ARRIVE MUSCAT DURING WEEK OF 20 FEBRUARY.

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(B) REGARDING AIRMAN LICENSING POSITION, ON ASSUMPTION DGCA
WILL ACCEPT JENKINS, FAA HAS STARTED PERSONNEL PROCESSING
ACTION AND WILL ARRANGE TO HAVE JENKINS ALSO ARRIVE MUSCAT

DURING WEEK OF 20 FEBRUARY.

3. AS EMBASSY KNOWS, INDIVIDUALS SELECTED FOR ASSIGNMENT

OVERSEAS ARE SUBJECT TO MEDICAL EXAMINATION. WHILE NO INDICATION EXISTS THAT EITHER INDIVIDUAL SELECTED FOR OMAN WILL FAIL SUCH AN EXAM OR REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MEDICAL EVALUATIONS BEFORE CLEARANCE, REMOTE POSSIBILITY ALWAYS EXISTS AND FAA WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY IF THIS OCCURS.

4. SUBJECT TO ABOVE, FAA AGREES EMBASSY MAY OFFICIALLY PASS TO DGCA SALIM BIN NASSER EXPECTED DATES FOR ARRIVAL OF THE TWO CANDIDATES MENTIONED ABOVE.

5. WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 5 REFTEL (A), FAA WISHES TO ASSURE EMBASSY THAT WORD IS NOT SPREADING THROUGH FAA THAT CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE IS UNDULY TOUGH OR UNFAIR ORGANIZATION TO WORK FOR. ON CONTRARY, FAA PERSONNEL WHO HAVE KNOWN AND WORKED FOR DGCA SALIM HAVE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR HIS FAIRNESS, JUDGMENT, AND PATIENCE. EMBASSY SHOULD RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT OMAN IS NOT NECESSARILY REGARDED BY POTENTIAL APPLICANTS AS MOST DESIRABLE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA FOR ASSIGNMENT AND THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO FIND APPLICANTS WITH BOTH THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES FOR SUCH ASSIGNMENTS. FAA/W IS WELL AWARE OF IMPACT EFFECTIVENESS OF FAA MISSION MAY HAVE ON OVERALL USG OBJECTIVES BOTH IN OMAN AND THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST AND HAS CONSISTENTLY TRIED TO DIRECT ITS EFFORTS AND RESOURCES ACCORDINGLY.

6. BUDGET ESTIMATE MENTIONED IN PARA 6 REFTEL (A) WILL BE AIR POUCHED BY WEEK OF JANUARY 10. DELAY IS DUE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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NEED FOR PREPARATION OF EXPLANATORY LETTER TO ACCOMPANY STATISTICS.

7. FAA WISHES TO ASSURE EMBASSY THAT CANDIDATES CHOSEN FOR ASSIGNMENT TO OMAN WILL BE INTRODUCED TO AND BRIEFED BY DEPARTMENT'S OMAN DESK OFFICERS.
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